MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): It is stated in the answer,—

"The required statistics are not available."

Do not the Government think that, in order to understand the present capacity of our forests to produce wealth, it is necessary that they should proceed in the manner contemplated by the two questions?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; that is why working plans are being prepared.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that, in the Madras Presidency, the Conservator of Forests has prepared such figures as have been called for in the question?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Government are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government think that this is really necessary to proceed to tap the resources of the forests in the right manner?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; that is why they are preparing working plans and working schemes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government propose to make these statistics available to this House?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): Yes; when the statistics are prepared and are ready.

Disafforestation in Tovala Taluk.

19. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that there are large and numerous swampy tracts in the forest areas in the Tovala taluk for cultivation?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any Disafforestation Committee appointed for the Tovala taluk as was done in nine other taluks of the State? If not, do the Government propose to do it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The Government will enquire into the need for the appointment of a committee for the taluk.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that there are really large tracts, fit for cultivation, for the registry of which the poor ryots of those places have submitted applications to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government note the information.

Travancore Debenture Bonds.

20. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what the present value of the Travancore Debenture Bond is?

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(*b*) Will the Government make the necessary arrangements for a market for exchanging these bonds as is done in Mysore and British India with regard to such bonds ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The present market value of the Government Pro-Notes is about 85 per cent. of the face value.

(*b*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether these Pro-Notes can be exchanged at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): They may be endorsed either to the Financial Secretary or through a broker.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): What will be the price at present for a Pro-Note for Rs. 100 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): That has been stated in the answer. The Pro-Notes are worth roughly about 85 per cent. at present.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Sir, may I just make one suggestion for the consideration of the President? When, in answer to questions put by the members of this Council, they are referred to the records in the Office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council, it is desirable that these records are made available to the members in the Council Chamber itself so as to enable the members concerned to make the references.

PRESIDENT: I do not think that is feasible, Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai, because that will convert the Council Chamber into a reference library. We may have half-a-dozen members forming a circle round the Secretary's table. For instance, in the case of the agreement for the supply of foreign medicines, the file consists of hundreds of pages. If three or four members gather round the Secretary's table to refer to such files, that will certainly distract the work of the whole Chamber.

REGULATIONS ASSENTED TO BY HER HIGHNESS THE MAHA RANI REGENT.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to the Legislative Council*): Sir, I beg to announce that the following Regulations received the assent of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent on the 32nd Karkatakam, 1100.

(1) The Travancore Limitation Regulation Amending Regulation, IX of 1100.

(2) The Travancore Civil Procedure Code Amending Regulation, X of 1100.

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